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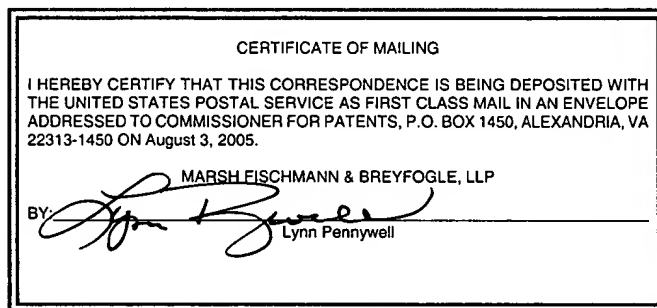
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This communication is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment having a mailing date of July 28, 2005 with respect to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

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